



South Otago High School

Newsletter 10th June 2022

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa Warm greetings to you all

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

It has been a cooler week and there is the possibility of snow in the next few days! As winter is upon us now it is timely to remind parents and caregivers if we have significant snow fall during the term.

Extreme weather events

If there is an extreme weather event overnight the school works with bus operators to see which bus routes are able to operate safely. Parents should assume that the school will operate as normal unless they hear otherwise. We will communicate with parents/ whanau via the school facebook page and text message. In some circumstances we will delay the start of the school day to allow for a thorough assessment of the conditions.

If the weather deteriorates during the day whilst students are at school parents may wish to collect their child if locally there are going to be issues. Once again the bus operators will guide the decision making and we will communicate early closure with parents as soon as we are able to do so.

The school priority is to ensure that students can travel safely to and from school.

Attendance

In the media you will have seen that there has been a lot of publicity around the declining attendance rates of students in school. Sadly, the South Otago Region is not an exception to these declining statistics. As a school we do acknowledge that some of the messaging can be confusing when students are asked to stay away if they are household contact or a confirmed case for Covid 19 or are unwell and then we also expect them to attend school.

Students who are at home as household contacts we do expect to engage in on line work and communicate with their teacher. Teachers record this absence as 'working on line'. This counts towards attendance at school under the Ministry of Education coding system. Students who are confirmed cases of Covid-19 we expect to rest and recover so as to avoid the risks of Long Covid. This does count against attendance.

When we look at individual attendance we do take into account the reasons that students have been absent. This is where we really appreciate parents contacting the school with a full explanation for their child's absence.

With the focus on student attendance and engagement in education we do want to make sure that students and their whanau are supported so that we may work together to overcome barriers that may exist.

We are committed to further work to support students and their families where there is evidence of poor attendance.

Matariki

Matariki celebrations are underway as we look forward to our new holiday in a couple of weeks. I do encourage

family and whanau to join in the activities that are being put on to celebrate this important time of the year. For those that may be looking for something to do I have found the article below has some suggestions for events that are planned about the country.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/experiences/maori-culture/300596159/whats-happening-around-aotearoa-for-matariki-in-2022>

Masks

Last week we removed the mask requirement for students. We do still ask that visitors do wear a mask when they come onto the school site. Whilst I accept that there are differing points of view as to whether masks make a difference we are still encouraging everyone to wear a mask. Having looked at the scientific evidence we do believe that they do make a difference.

Covid and Flu

Confirmed Covid cases have now reduced significantly. For parents who have children who become confirmed cases please do continue to inform the school via the school absence line. We no longer require parents to email the principal with this information. Thank you to all who did do this during the last few months it has been very helpful in our tracking of cases.

Despite the decline in Covid cases we do still have high numbers of students with flu and parents continue to inform us that this is a 'very nasty bug'. Once again, masks will reduce the spread of this virus. Vaccination is a further support to reduce the severity of the illness.

Uniform

With winter setting in we are noticing some variations in uniform. We have earlier been tolerant as we have needed to ensure that classrooms were well ventilated. However, the arrival of winter is not unexpected and so we are going to start to hold students to our expectations.

These are:

- Plain black jackets with no logos
- School jersey with the school crest
- Black polishable shoes or Roman sandals

Currently we are seeing a number of different colour jackets, non uniform jerseys and hoodies and a lot of students wearing fabric sneakers. These shoes are not waterproof and are not adequate for winter. Students who continue to wear these non uniform items can be expected to be spoken to in the coming weeks with the expectation to start wearing the correct uniform

Finally

A couple of weeks ago I did promise that we would be sending a survey to parents around the uniform. This has been delayed but we do expect to have this out very soon. Any changes that are made as a result of this consultation will come into effect for the start of 2023 or beyond.

Ka kite ano
Mike Wright
Principal

Parent – Teacher meetings

We are looking forward to running our parent teachers' evenings on:

Thursday June 16th from 4pm to 8pm

These will be an opportunity for you to spend 5 minutes with each of your child's teachers. In these conversations you will be able to talk about your child's achievement so far this year and what their goals are for the remainder of the year.

To book a meeting time please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and click on "make a booking". You will need to enter the code **k433j** and then you will be able to make bookings. Please leave 5 minutes between appointments so you have time to get around the school to be at the next appointment on time. We will be more spread out this year, so we are socially distanced and reduce the size of groups that are gathered. We expect students to attend and they will also be able to help you find your next appointment.

For the face to face meetings with staff at school we require you to wear a mask. If this is not possible, I would ask that you email the teachers you wish to speak to and make alternative arrangements for an interview at a different time. Masks will be available at the school office.

Nigel Scarth – Deputy Principal.

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An important message for drivers of school vans

Firstly, we are very grateful to those teachers, parents and caregivers who give up their time so our students can participate in a wide range of activities. Our distance from Dunedin could be a real barrier for students if it were not for your efforts. We also want to acknowledge the excellent work being done with removing the rubbish and keeping the vans filled with fuel as both of these have been fantastic this year. We do, however, need to think of the health and safety of our students and yourselves so it is important that we bring this up.

Last year we had GPS units installed in our vans. The purpose of this was to remove the need for logbooks to determine mileage for each group and that has been a real success. It has also been useful from time to time when we have wanted to know how close a van or group was to being back at school.

The system has also been set up to monitor vehicles speeds relative to the speed limit. We have noticed a few areas where there is a pattern of speeding and we wanted to make sure drivers were aware of these areas as they drive and the importance of slowing down in them. We seem to be having regular notifications of speeding as the vans are heading north up the hill after crossing the Balclutha Bridge.

In the 70km zone North of Milton Waihola's 50km speed limit the 80km section of the motorway between Caversham and the end of the motorway It is very pleasing to see there are very few notifications relating to the 100km speed limit areas. Our vans are designed to beep when drivers get to that speed and this seems to be working well in terms of reducing speeds.

Again, we do thank you for giving up your time for our students and hope that this reminder does not detract from that. We do appreciate what you are doing but do need to keep safety at the forefront of this.

Mike Beeby
TIC School Vans

SOREC Engineering Academy

Last Friday Mr Simpson and Mr Doherty had an opportunity, as part of the SOREC Engineering Academy to take some students to Dunedin to investigate alternative engineering and machining career pathways. The first stop on the itinerary was to catch up with former South Otago High School student and CEO Nigel Bamfords company ESCEA. We had an opportunity to relate our teaching and learning from school to industry practice through their use of CAD/CAM, laser cutters, sheet metal folders and welders. The students were able to see how quality control is put into practice and the importance of testing and tolerances. From a business perspective we gained an insight to how the company operates now and how it was first established, invaluable information for our potential future engineers and business owners.



The next stop on our journey was Palmers Mechanical where we had an opportunity to see what heavy metal engineering looks like. The students had an opportunity to walk around relate the sheetmetal and fabrication equipment here to what they had seen ESCEA. At Palmers Mechanical we looked at examples of their current projects like the Orica Mining trucks which are used in Australia to transport ammonia nitrate, an explosive used when mining.

Our journey ended with a trip to United Machinists, a company specialising in machining components with a tolerance of 0.006 of a millimeter and a very different avenue in Engineering than some of the boys might be used to seeing. We were welcomed in the older workshop where their apprentices start out and learn their trade on some traditional centre lathes, CNC centre lathes and CNC Milling machines. From here we moved into their more modern machinery where the boys had an opportunity to look at equipment ranging from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 each. In each of these machines they could see small components for use in prosthetic hands and larger jet boat engine components being manufactured. After an inspiring tour we had an opportunity to look at their quality control procedures before having a talk about potential avenues in machining apprenticeships.

Owen Doherty
HOD Technology




Below: Mr Palmer had his Year 13 class climbing at Port Chalmers today. Some good climbing and beautiful weather. Thank you to Mr Matsas and Mrs Hannah for coming along.



BRAINWAVE SCHOOLS PROGRAM


The brainwave schools program will be delivering their program to our year 9 and 10 students over the next couple of weeks, and they are very interested in presenting what they are all about to all parents at SOHS. The brainwave program aims to develop awareness and understanding of factors that support the development and well-being of rangatahi. This includes the impact on relationships, behaviours, choices and interpersonal skills. There will be more on what they do during their presentation to all parents who are interested in attending on: 15th of June, 5pm, in the SOHS hall.

Blake Ensor—HOD Physical Education and Health


Adolescent Seminar

Unravelling the

Adolescent Brain



Unravelling the Adolescent Brain

Session Overview:

This two hour session helps parents and whānau understand the changes happening in the adolescent brain, as well as changes to relationships and social environments that contribute to development through these years.

This session will support parents and whānau to make positive choices for their rangatahi.

Topics include:

- Recognising and enhancing adolescents' strengths
- Positive and negative aspects of risk-taking
- The increased importance of peers
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Exploring the potential influence of alcohol use
- Benefits and risks associated with social media use.

Feedback:


“ The presenter was engaging and used strong science based visuals. The technical terms were broken down into everyday language. She spoke to our level and was energetic and honest. ”

Session Attendee

Booking information:

To make a booking or pricing enquiry for this session, please email: bookings@brainwave.org.nz or call 09 528 3981

For more information visit www.brainwave.org.nz



Upcoming Dates for Term 2 2022

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| • Sunday 12th and Monday 13th June..... | OSS Netball Tournament |
| • Thursday 16th June..... | Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| • Tuesday 21st June..... | Taieri Interchange |
| • Friday 24th June..... | Matariki—School Closed |
| • Thursday 30th June..... | Co-Ed Tournament |
| • Friday 1st July..... | SNOB |
| • Thursday 7th July..... | Open Night |
| • Friday 8th July..... | End of Term 2 |

OTAGO SECONDARY SCHOOLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

This exciting tournament is on this Sunday and Monday at the Edgar Centre in Dunedin. Our teams and management:

A

Jade Kyle
Sydney Marshall
Kasey Valli
Emily Unahi
Jade Field
Aimee Johnson
Leone Geldenhuys
Lily Pringle
Georgia Milne
Zoe Hyslop
Emma Bennett
Coach: Marina Tourrell
Manager: Pam Hannah
Medic: Shelley Milne

B

Imogen Barlow
Sarah Bloxham
Madi Beveridge
Jade Gutsell
Nataleah Marshall
Darrian Sutton
Zara Upston
Jess Sheppard
Kayley Strachan
Coach: Bronwyn Hutton
Manager: Amanda Hyslop

10A

Bella Findlay
Tyla Dodds
Poppy Johnstone
Bree Campbell
Graycen Kell
Elri Geldenhuys
Chantal Smales
Olivia Moffat
Melania Yalewanarahe
Coaches: Amy Morrison and Jemaig White

9A

Penny Coote
Ruby Smith
Olivia Ludeman
Maddy McElrea
Brylee McElrea
Abby McKinney
Emmy Marshall
Bella Paterson
Ashley Malone
Coach: Rebecca Coote
Manager: Shelley Smith

A huge thank you to our coaches, managers and medics who are so vital to our teams. All teams are travelling in vans to and from Dunedin. This weekend is a big one on the netball calendar. Good luck to you all.

DRAW - Friday 10th June

- SOHS A vs Black Gold crt 2 @6.15pm
- SOHS B vs CRFC crt 2 @7.30pm
- SOHS C vs SOHS Blue crt 3 @5.00pm
- SOHS D vs SOHS Green crt2 @5.00pm
- SOHS Alpha vs Lawrence Gold crt1 @ 7.,30pm
- SOHS Beta vs Telford crt 5 @ 6.15pm

Pam Hannah—Netball

Hockey:

The 6 a side team played a great game on Tuesday against Kavanagh College, despite some interruptions we still played well scoring 4 points. Kavanagh scored 5 points. We were all determined to play a good game and play at our best. We kept the pressure going during the game, getting Kavanagh to drop back. Our backs Kate, Taelah and Jade kept the ball out of the goal and our forwards Jak, Wade, Courtney, Millie and Priya did an amazing job at scoring our goals and keeping the ball up field. The whole team was consistent with our communication throughout the whole game.

Written by Taelah Dawson & Kate Inder.

REP values for this week are as follows:

- Respect: Millie Scott
- Excellence: Taelah Dawson & Kate Inder
- Perseverance: Everyone.

REMINDER: We are still selling honey! We are selling 1kg tubs of creamed or liquid honey for \$20. If you are interested in purchasing some honey, please get in contact with Miss Stephens.

dstephens@sohs.school.nz

Miss Stephens
TIC Hockey

Girls Football

Our second eleven football team had their first win of the season yesterday. This was a great result against the Otago Girls Second Eleven who had beaten us twice last year. Two goals to Monica Hahn and two goals to Olivia Williams rounded out a 4-1 victory after the score had been 2-0 at half time. The whole team played extremely well and a number of staff present at the game have commented on how good they did.

Meanwhile our first team had a close loss to Queens High School. We opened the scoring early through Caitlin Scherp and went on to dominate the first half coming close to scoring two or three more goals which would have made a big difference. The opposition came out a little more strongly in the second half and pinned us in our half of the field for large parts of the half. This allowed them to get an equaliser and then a winner with five minutes to go. We finished the game on attack with some more chances but could not pull back the goal that I feel the team deserved. A big thanks to Petra, Katie, Kailee and Izzie for each taking a turn to go in goal. Like the second team it was a really good performance for all of the team but special mention must be made of Caitlin and Jessie O'Hara who gave us some really good forward momentum in the game with the ball at their feet.

I am interested in hearing if there is anyone out there who could help with refereeing games after school (3.45pm) on a Thursday. If so, can you please get in touch?

Mike Beeby
TIC Girls Football

SOHS Junior Boys Vs Logan Park High School

The Junior boys took to the field, in their new jerseys, with 11 men and no substitutes on Wednesday evening last. It was all SOHS for the first twenty five minutes of the first half with Sam Wright on his debut, threatening the LPHS goal on 4 occasions within that time. Ulysses Cu and Wade Lumb controlled the play in the middle of the park and had a few shots on target too. Anything that could break through the midfield was cleaned up by a solid defense with relative ease. There were no shots on target for LPHS and we looked like a well oiled machine until our goalkeeper James Uren suffered an injury which will put him out for the season. This resulted in the boys having to play with 10 against 11 for the rest of the game.

The boys played well but alas the extra man for LPHS made the difference and the full time whistle blew with a scoreline of 5-2. The goalscorers for the day were Ulysses Cu and debutant Sam Wright. The man of the match was Wade Lumb for his relentless workrate in the middle of the park and for his creativity going forward. The junior boys play again at home on Wednesday the 15th of June against John McGlashan College at the Showgrounds in Balclutha.

SOHS Senior Boys Vs Kavanagh College

The senior boys team had to play with 10 men against Kavanagh College at the Turf on Wednesday evening. The gameplay the boys have been working on in training over the last couple of weeks has started to pay dividends now and the boys are starting to find a great team pattern with their passing, chemistry and positional play coming to the fore. James Hayward again on the score sheet this week with a lucky, against the run of play goal and we were up one. Great pressure on the ball by the midfield made easy work for the back line. By applying consistent pressure from attack we managed to win a corner. James Hayward delivered a fantastic cross into the box where all we needed to do was get something on it to score, step forward Ryan Lloyd, or rather backward as he scored with nothing else but his backside. Goals win games and we don't mind how we score. Unfortunately half time came a little too early and as we returned to the field for the second half, the Kavanagh team won the first five minutes with two goals of their own. We took the game back to basics, created lots of pressure and opportunities but we spurned some good chances to score. Callum Brown gets the plaudits for another man of the match performance, particularly in the first half. Ashley Wendelgest in goal swept up any long balls through and the back line looked safe. Kavanagh had very few opportunities for the remainder of the game but alas they found the net with a late winner and a final score of 3-2 suggests we need to continue on our search for our first win of the season. The senior boys play again at home on Wednesday the 15th of June against John McGlashan College at Balclutha Association Football Club.

In reflection these were two games where the boys were definitely good enough to win but a shortage of players due to illness or other, has jeopardised the results in favour of the opposition. We look forward to meeting these teams again at home with our full strength teams for the second leg. Our thanks this week go to the Junior team sponsors, Cowley Electrical and Barnan Dairy Farm Ltd. for their contributions which made obtaining the Junior kit possible. Thanks also to Julie Wendelgest for the photography.

Owen Doherty

TIC Boys' Football



JOBBORTUNITIES

June Job Expo

Tuesday 14th June | 4pm - 7pm

**Tyrone McElrea Lounge
Cross Recreation Centre**

JOBBORTUNITIES is back with another Job Expo!
WHOOOP WHOOOP!!!!

As always we have jobs and we have opportunities, so come
on down to the Rec Centre and join us!

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SOHS vs Taieri College Winter Sports Interchange Taieri College, Mosgiel, Tuesday 21st June

We will contest our annual Winter Sports Interchange with Taieri College, on Tuesday 21st June.

Your child is involved and are in one of the following teams:

- Rugby - 1st XV, U15, U14 and Girls 10's
- Hockey - Two mixed teams
- Football - Senior and Junior Boys
- Basketball - Senior and Junior Girls and Boys
- Netball - Senior A, B, 10A and 9A
- Theatre Sports

We will be meeting in the SOHS bus bay at 8.45am, and returning to school by 3.10pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person which covers the cost of the buses. Payment and permission slip must be returned by Friday 10th June. All students are to travel in correct school uniform to and from Mosgiel no team kit is to be worn on the bus.

Any questions please ring or txt me on 027 4128280, phannah@sohs.school.nz or 034180517 ext 211

Pam Hannah

Sports Coordinator

Taieri College Winter Interchange 2022 - Please return to Mrs Hannah.

I give _____ permission to attend the Taieri College Interchange representing SOHS
Enclosed is the \$15.00 as cash **OR**

I have deposited \$15.00 into the school bank account (02 0918 0160198 00) on _____ (date) **OR**

I have an automatic payment/direct credit arrangement already set up for payment of SOHS fees. Please charge the amount of \$15.00.

Parent's Signature _____ Name _____